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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, and with reference to the latter's verbal note dated October 22nd 2015, regarding the request of information concerning the implementation of the **resolution A/HRC/29/2**, on "*the protection of the human rights of migrants: migrants in transit*", the Permanent Mission has the honor to attach, herewith, the requested information as received from the Competent Authorities of the State of Qatar.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Subject: Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/29/2 on the Protection of the human rights of migrants: migrants in transit

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office, and has the honour to refer to Resolution A/HRC/29/2 on *Protection of the human rights of migrants: migrants in transit*, which was adopted by the Human Rights Council on 2 July 2015.

In paragraph 9 of the abovementioned resolution, the Human Rights Council requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to submit to the Human Rights Council before its thirty-first session a study on the situation of migrants in transit, including unaccompanied children and adolescents, as well as women and girls, in consultation with States and other relevant stakeholders, including regional organizations, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful to receive all relevant information for the preparation of this study. In particular, views and information would be welcome in relation to the following questions.

- A. Does your country have laws, public policies or programmes, action plans or other relevant measures in place to ensure protection of the human rights of all migrants in transit? For example, including in the following areas:
 - a. Access to essential services in transit, such as health care and services, including sexual and reproductive health care;
 - b. Protection from violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, as well as abuse and exploitation of migrants in transit by State and non-State actors;
 - c. Specific measures to protect and ensure the best interests of all migrant children in transit, whether they are travelling on their own or with their parents/guardians;
 - d. Rescue of migrants in distress at land, sea and air borders, provision of immediate assistance and referral to adequate services;
 - e. Alternatives to immigration detention and protection against arbitrary detention;
 - f. Measures to ensure that any returns of migrants in transit are carried out in accordance with international law and standards, including the principle of *non-refoulement* and the prohibition of collective expulsion.
- B. Does your country (as a country of origin, transit and/or destination) have measures in place that ensure a human rights-based approach to the governance of transit migration? For example, including in the following areas:
 - a. Governance of irregular migration, including the non-criminalisation of migrants in an irregular situation;
 - b. Measures to prevent and combat all forms of xenophobia, racism and religious intolerance against migrants;
 - c. Human rights-based approaches to border governance, including counter-smuggling measures;

- d. Data collection to monitor the situation of migrants in transit, including on the number of migrants killed, injured or victims of crime while attempting to cross international borders.

Please send all information by 16 November 2015 to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (United Nations Office at Geneva, CH 1211 Geneva 10; Fax. +41 22 917 90 08, e-mail: registry@ohchr.org), with a copy to poberoi@ohchr.org and migrant-desibconsultant@ohchr.org. Please indicate whether the information provided can be made available on the OHCHR website.

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- أن النظام القانوني القطري لا ينظم (وضع المهاجر)، في إطار دلالة القانونية المتعارف عليها دولياً وإنما هو معني بتحديد المركز القانوني للأشخاص (الوافدين) الذين يدخلون إلى البلاد وبمنحون رخص الإقامة لأغراض الزيارة والعمل وفي حال العمل يتم بعقود عمل مؤقتة بتوقيع بين العامل الوافد وصاحب العمل وفقاً لقانون العمل الصادر بالقانون رقم (١٤) لسنة ٢٠٠٤ وتعديلاته.

- إن وضع دولة قطر بوصفها بلد مصدر، أو عبور، أو وجهه لا تنطبق عليه الاسئلة أنفة الذكر، ذلك أن حدود الدولة لا تجاور مناطق ساخنة بفعل المنازعات المسلحة الداخلية، أو الكوارث الطبيعية التي تنجم عنها ظاهرة تدفقات (لعبور المهاجرين).